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Pamela W. Barclay  
Director, Center for Hospital Services,  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

Dear Ms Barclay

This is a comment in response to the proposed amendment to COMAR 10.24.17.

I want to express my strong and unconditional support for this change in the Maryland regulations. The amendment would bring our State's guidelines into compliance with those of the two large national cardiology organizations, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology. More importantly, the change will continue and sustain the excellent patient outcomes we have in Maryland for heart attack patients.

I hope that I am reading the amendment correctly when I assume from the amendment title, that this requirement and the requirement to report outcomes to the Commission applies to all hospitals performing PCI, not just those without cardiac surgery on-site. Reporting of outcomes from all primary PCI sites is critical to the monitoring and maintenance of the highest quality of care.

Sincerely yours,

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